**Different yardstick to deal with insurgency in Nagaland and Assam**

130. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report appearing in the 'Asian Age' dated 18th May, 2002 under the caption "Assam CM : use same yardstick as NSCM with ULFA".

(b) if so, the Gove'rnment's reaction thereto;

(c) the reasons for following different yardsticks to deal with insurgency problems in Nagaland and Assam; and

(d) whether uniform pattern of behaviour would be pursued in both cases and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS,» (SHRI ID. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Government has extended an invitation to all those who have strayed from the paths of togetherness to come forward for talks within the four corners of Indian Constitution. The United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA) has not yet come forward for peace talks within the parameters indicated.

**Performance of NDMC**

131. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total strength of New Delhi Municipal Council, category-wise and what was it in 1992;

(b) what is the total expenditure on salaries and allowances of the staff as on date and what was in 1992;

(c) what is the level of absenteeism in the NDMC; and

(d) to what extent has it affected the performance of the Council?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VTDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) The requisite details are given below :